



Dear EPA members and friends,

this newsletter keeps you up to date on the developments within the EPA. Find out about the the preparations for the 15th EPA congress in Turin and remember to book your travel arrangements and secure your hotel room for our annual general meeting at the end of September in Liverpool. EU information in the LOGOS monitoring from Brussels is attached as usual!

Best wishes from Cologne
Gerry Trost-Heutmekers and Elisabeth Herles

EPA General Meeting 2010

The annual meeting this year will take place on **September 24, 2010** in Liverpool in the UK. Every EPA full member association sends one delegate. Guests are welcome. There will be **elections for the positions of two members of the board**. Nominations for elections need to be received by the secretariat by **July 23, 2010**.

Thursday, Sept 23, 2010		arrival of delegates 20.00 get together with dinner (everybody's own expenses)
Friday, Sept 24, 2010	9.00	welcome and opening
	9.15- 10.30	technical lectures or presentations
	10.30-11.00	coffee break
	11.00-13.00	EPA general meeting
	13.00-14.00	lunch
	14.30	guided tour by Q-Park of Liverpool One car park, EPA Award winner 2009
	16.00	closing and departure

Please book your rooms at the **Hard Days Night Hotel, Central Buildings, North John Street, GB-Liverpool, L2 6RR, T: +44 151 236 1964, F: +44 151 255 1263, www.harddaysnighthotel.com**

The special EPA delegate rate is GBP 140,- incl. Breakfast per night. The booking code is: **2409EPA** Please note that this special offer ends on August 23, 2010. Thereafter the room rate will be 170,- GBP.



EPA Congress 2011

The 15th EPA congress will take place in Turin in Italy from September 14-16, 2011 in the Lingotto Conference Center. The title is: “**Parking: the new deal**”. It reflects that all parking operations need to be looked at within the context of the way cities are working, the way the motoring industry is changing as well as the way strategic and development policies are changing.

The Scientific and Technical Committee held a second meeting on March 19, 2010. The principle of the operations for the Committee is to develop the main lines that will be part of the scientific programme of the congress. A third meeting of this interdisciplinary and multinational committee is scheduled for May 17th.

The Italian Association AIPARK hosts the congress. Congress organizing committee:

Laurence A. Bannerman	Chairman
Giovanni Centurelli	Control and monitoring of the budget
Piero Craveri	Coordinator Scientific & Technical Committee
Alessandra Faldi	Event supervisor
Gerhard Trost-Heutmekers	EPA

For any information regarding the congress please contact Alessandra Faldi:
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EPA Award 2011

The biannual **EPA Award** promotes excellence in parking in four categories. Entries can be submitted now. Check our website www.europeanparking.eu to download the rules and regulations for the EPA Award 2011 or contact the EPA Secretariat. The deadline for entries is January 1, 2011.

ESPA new guidelines

The **European Standard Parking Award** is an award which shows that the carpark awarded fulfils some minimum criteria with respect to safety and customer services. The new guidelines are available for download from our website www.europeanparking.eu

Svepark conference and Expo Gothenburg

On May 18-20 the Swedish Association Svepark organizes a Parking Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden. Contact Sten Ake Hakanson www.svepark.se for further information.



Parking Trend International

The magazine Parking Trend International represents the variety of issues relevant for the parking sector within a European context, it transfers knowledge and experience and reflects on the changing role of parking as a relevant part of urban mobility. On the occasion of the “Intertraffic” in Amsterdam the new **board of editors** met for the first time. Their role is to identify themes, and contact authors for articles.

Members of the board of editors are:

Laurence A. Bannerman, AIPARK

Igor Dula, Slovak Parking Association

Peter Martens, VEXPAN

Gerhard Trost-Heutmekers, BV Parken and EPA Secretary General

Liam Keilthy, Irish Parking Association

Francois Le Vert, FNMS

Parking Trend aims to represent the variation within the EPA. **Every EPA member association is invited to contribute actively to the content of the magazine.** A policy to reprint articles from Parking Trend in the national publications and vice versa is currently being prepared.

Please send in material for Parking Trend, suggestions or ideas for themes or articles either to the EPA Secretariat or to the responsible editor at Maenken Communications:

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PTISchedule for 2010	Issue 2 June	Issue 3 September	Issue 4 December
Copy deadline (also for PR)	Mon, 19 Apr	Mon, 19 Aug	Mon, 18 Oct
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Imprint	Mon, 31 May	Mon, 30 Aug	Mon, 29 Nov
Delivery date printed copies	Mon, 7 Jun	Mon, 6 Sep	Mon, 6 Dec

3rd Iberian Seminar

The 3rd Iberian Parking Seminar will take place in Albufeira, Portugal, October 20 to 22. The Iberian Seminar is a biannual event organized by ANEPE (National Association of Parking Companies, Portugal) and ASESga (Spanish Association of Parking).

www.iparkseminar.com



EPA upcoming meetings

Apr 23, Ajaccio	EPA Board
May 7, Berlin	EPA Policy and Strategy Committee
May 17, Turin	EPA congress, Technical and Scientific Committee
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July 9, Barcelona	EPA Board (new date!)
July 16, Paris	EPA Policy and Strategy Committee (new date!)
Sept 23, Liverpool	EPA Board and Policy and Strategy



EPA Bi-Monthly Monitoring Report: EU Affairs and EU Projects – February/March 2010

EU Affairs:

✓ **The European Commission published its Work Programme for 2010**

On **31 March 2010**, the Commission published its **first Work Programme**, which focuses on delivering several strategic initiatives in 2010. The Commission commits to deliver an overall list of **34 strategic initiatives** in 2010.

Selected overview of the **strategic initiatives** scheduled for adoption in 2010:

- **White Paper on the future of transport** (4th quarter): Outline of a **transport action programme** until 2020. It will define the **overall framework for actions** in the next ten years in the fields of transport infrastructure, internal market legislation, decarbonisation of transport, technology for traffic management and clean vehicles, and the use of standardisation, market based instruments and incentives. It will set out the actions required to create a **Single Transport area** and address the targets of **EU 2020 Strategy**.
- **Energy Infrastructure Package:**
Communication on Energy Infrastructure Development for the 2020/30 horizon: The focus will be on investment needs, based on supply and demand scenarios, the 10-year network plans of the European Network of Transmission System Operators (ENTSO) and on priorities for infrastructure development and funding.



Selected overview of possible strategic and priority initiatives:

- **Communication on "Mainstreaming Climate Adaptation and Mitigation in EU policies and climate proofing of financial instruments":** Communication to include a strategy and concrete actions to mainstream climate adaptation and mitigation in other EU policies and financial instruments. This includes in particular climate proofing of several EU policies, e.g. **transport policy**.
- **Communication on Revised Energy Efficiency Action Plan:** Key measures to achieve the savings potentials 20% by 2020 will be identified, most notably in the building, utility and **transport sectors**.
- **Communication on green vehicles:** A comprehensive strategy for **clean and energy efficient vehicles** that will maximise the **decarbonisation potential in road transport** (in the 2020 perspective)
- **Road Safety package: Communication Towards a European road safety area:** Strategic guidelines for road safety up to 2020, which describe actions addressing road safety in an integrated way (drivers' behaviour, vehicles and infrastructures safety) and across various policy areas (**transport**, public health, research, new technologies, external dimension of road safety).
- **e-Mobility package:** Introduction of **deployment of new technology** across various transport modes in support of an **efficient and sustainable transport system**. Measures will tackle integrated rail ticketing, digital tachograph, electronic tolls, integrated maritime data etc.

The Commission's Work Programme can be found here:

http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/president/news/documents/2010/03/20100331_1_en.htm

In order to see the Homepage of DG Mobility and Transport, please follow this link

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/index_en.htm

✓ Spanish Presidency priorities for Transport and Tourism

For the first half of 2010, **Spain is holding the Presidency of the European Union**. Placing **EU transport policy** in the general context of the economic crisis and the fight against climate change, Mr José Blanco López (Transport Minister of Spain) underlined in his first appearance at the **Transport and Tourism (TRAN) Committee** in the European Parliament in January, that the EU should aim at developing a **sustainable transport system with a focus on urban and metropolitan transport in a competitive and service-oriented environment**.

The **main priorities** of the Spanish Presidency are:

- **TEN-T:** The Presidency will focus on establishing a methodology which should orient the revision **of the TEN-T guidelines**. The Minister also welcomed the proposal by the Commissioner of Transport Mr. Kallas to establish a **transport investment fund** and the idea of **public-private partnership financing**.
- **Eurovignette Directive:** The Presidency will only deal with the directive on a **technical level** as there are still problems regarding the calculation of external costs. Additionally, the Minister recommended that each Member State should apply the **"polluters pay" principle** regarding reductions of air pollution and noise. However, unfair competition and double taxation have to be avoided.



- **Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS):** The Minister said that the interfaces between road transport systems and other modes of transport must be looked at.

More information about the Spanish Presidency can be found on their website

<http://www.eu2010.es/>

The press release on the Transport Council can be found here:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/trans/113317.pdf

The website of the EP's Transport and Tourism Committee can be found here:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/committees/homeCom.do?language=&body=TRAN>

✓ **Eurovignette Study presented in the European Parliament**

The **European Commission**, in particular the **Directorate-General Transport** (DG MOVE) and the **Joint Research Centre of Seville** made a study which assessed the **direct and indirect effects of the existing proposal of revision of Directive 1999/62 on road infrastructure charging**. This proposal is currently being stalled in the European Council. On 25th January, **Mr Grillo Pasquarelli** (Director for inland transport, DG MOVE) presented this study to the Members of the Transport Committee in the European Parliaments.

The Study on the proposal of revision of the Eurovignette Directive is available on

<http://ipts.jrc.ec.europa.eu/publications/pub.cfm?id=2779>

If you are interested in the slides of Mr Pasquarelli, please contact the EPA Secretariat

✓ **Discussion on the Draft EP Report on the Future of Transport**

Regarding the ongoing preparations of the approaching European Commission **White Paper on the Future of Transport**, the Committee of Transport and Tourism of the European Parliament (TRAN Committee) discussed the draft report by the **Rapporteur Mathieu Grosch**, MEP (Belgian, EPP) in the **February Transport Committee meeting**. According to Grosch, the EU Transport policy still faces **major societal, economic and environmental challenges**. Those challenges can only be removed if the commodities are organized in a way so they complement each other depending on the specific circumstances in different regions. This approach will lead to **more efficiency**.

The **timetable** foresees an adoption of this report in the TRAN Committee this April and an adoption in the Plenary Session in June 2010.

The **Draft Report on a sustainable future for transport** by Mathieu Grosch is available on

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/file.jsp?id=5802092>

✓ **EU Sustainable Energy Week 2010: Decarbonising our energy**

The European Sustainable Energy Week took place from 22 to 26 March 2010 in Brussels and focused mainly on **decarbonising Europe's energy future**.

One particular event LOGOS attended was on the **electric transport infrastructure**. A member of the Commission's multi-stakeholder working group (Sylvain Hoan, Executive Director of POLIS) outlined



the **major challenges ahead for the introduction of electronic vehicle infrastructure**, with a particular focus on the integration of transport systems. There is a **need for a coherent integration between urban mobility and other transport needs**.

For more information on the European Industrial Initiative for electricity grids, please check the link:
<http://setis.ec.europa.eu/initiatives/technology-roadmap/european-industrial-initiative-on-the-electricity-grid>

For more information on the event “Can Europe de-carbonise Transport?”, please check:
<http://www.commentvisions.com/month/march/2010/event>

If you want more information on the specific events of the Sustainable Energy Week 2010:
<http://www.eusew.eu/>

EU Projects:

✓ **The Galileo Application Days**

From the **3 – 5 March 2010** the Galileo Application Days took place in Brussels. The agenda covered many relevant topics related to **road transport, safety and security**. One particularly interesting event focused on **road transport** in general. Here, amongst others, Philippe Hamet from the Commission and Fiammetta Diani from the European GNSS Supervisory Authority (GSA) gave an overview how and why Galileo can be used in road transport, Reinhard Pfliegl from AustriaTech spoke about “The role of precise and robust positioning in transportation systems of the Future”, there was a presentation on “Electric Car Sharing – Solutions for Urban Mobility” and Sara Gutiérrez-Lanza from GMV presented **GINA, the GNSS for Innovative Road Applications** (www.gina-project.eu).

For the general website on the Galileo Application Days, please check :

<http://www.application-days.eu/>

If you like further information on the different presentations given in the road session, please follow this link:

http://www.application-days.eu/downloads/100305_session1.pdf

✓ **The Intelligent Energy Europe 2010 Call is now open**

On 23 March, the 2010 call for proposals was opened. The **deadline for submission is 24 June** at 17:00 local Brussels time. Approximately **€ 56 million** will be made available, supporting **up to 75% of the eligible project costs**. Any public or private organization from the **EU, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Croatia** can apply.

Among the 2010 funding areas is **STEER (€ 10 mln)** which is dedicated to the promotion of Energy Efficiency in Transport. In order for a project to become eligible it has to fulfill the following criteria:



General requirements:

- Correspond to the EU 20/20/20 priorities
- Match the IEE 2010 Work Programme (*see link below*)
- Involve at least 3 partners from different countries
- Project duration of 2-3 years
- Excludes hardware or R&D type investment
- The impact has to be substantial
- The project has to be innovative
- Clear objectives
- European added value
- Budget usually between € 0.5 – 2.5 million

Specific STEER requirements:

(http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/events/doc/infod10/slides/steer_call2010_priorities.pdf)

- Matching the **Action Plan for Urban mobility**
- Raising safe walking and cycling especially in countries with obstacles
- **Auditing and certification of integrated mobility policies** so as to increase the share of clean modes of transport
- **Eco driving schemes**
- Creation of a **more efficient freight distribution** (sharing good practice)
- Capacity building of transport professionals through staff exchange
- Support teaching and academic level through network, seminars, training for local/regional agencies and offer new services on transport
- Capacity building + learning from past experience

To see the **Call for Proposals**, please check:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm

LOGOS attended the **European Info Day on 3rd February 2010**, for the presentations please check:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/events/infodays_en.htm

IEE 2010 Work Programme:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/doc/wp2010_en.pdf

Check for the **Intelligent Energy Europe Project Database** here:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/projects/index_en.htm